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**VIRGINIA BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK
SPECIAL CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES
AUGUST 5, 2011**

- CALL TO ORDER:** A Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Board of Social Work (“Board”) convened on Friday, August 5, 2011, at 9:35 a.m., at the Department of Health Professions, Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Richmond, VA.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patricia Smith-Solan, Chair
Susan Horne-Quatannens, Board Member
- STAFF PRESENT:** Patricia L. Larimer, Deputy Executive Director - Discipline
Peter Oppen, Adjudication Specialist
Sarah Georgen, Administrative Assistant
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Allison Benda
- MATTER SCHEDULED:** Joyce Law, L.C.S.W. Reinstatement Applicant
License No.: 0904-005586
Case No.: 135551
- DISCUSSION:** Ms. Law appeared before the Committee in person in accordance with an amended Notice of the Board dated July 7, 2011, to receive and act on her petition for reinstatement. Ms. Law not represented by counsel. The Committee fully discussed the matter with Ms. Law and also received statements from Allison Benda.
- CLOSED SESSION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Horne-Quatannens and duly seconded by Ms. Smith-Solan, the Committee voted to convene a closed meeting pursuant to § 2.2-3711(A)(27) of the Code of Virginia for the purpose of deliberation to reach a decision in the matter of Ms. Law. Additionally, she moved that Ms. Larimer, Mr. Oppen, and Ms. Georgen, attend the closed meeting, because their presence in the closed meeting was deemed necessary and would aid the Committee in its deliberations.
- RECONVENE:** Having certified that the matters discussed in the preceding closed session met the requirements of § 2.2-3712 of the Code, the Committee reconvened in open session and announced its decision.
- DECISION:** Upon a motion by Ms. Horne-Quatannens, and duly seconded by Ms. Smith-Solan, the Committee made certain Findings of Fact and

Conclusions of Law, and voted to reinstate Ms. Law’s license with terms and conditions.

ADJOURNMENT: The Committee adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Patricia Smith-Solan, Chair

Patricia Larimer, Deputy Executive Director-
Discipline

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